

HALF-DAY SCHEDULE*

8:00 AM - Gather and play a quick ice-breaker game at this time, such as "Speed Friending." Face chairs toward each other and spread those "pairs" around the room. Give each pair a time limit of 3-5 minutes to discuss a series of "get to know you questions" provided by the youth minister, then ring the bell to switch chairs and find another partner. Make sure everyone plays!

9:00 AM - Watch "The Mission Before You: Youth Ministry in and after COVID" or "Made for this Moment: Relational Ministry in the 'New' Normal" and follow up with discussion/activity.

Fit a short 10 minutes in here for stretch/restroom break

9:30 AM - Split up core teams into their respective Edge or Life Teen ministry teams and watch their relevant videos: Either "Out of the Box: Utilizing Life Teen Resources" and/or "Big and Small: Utilizing Edge Resources." Follow up with discussion/ activity.

10:00 AM - Watch "Strengthening Your Core: Health in Mind, Body, and Spirit" and follow up with survey.

10:30 AM - Watch "On the Same Page: Developing a Rhythm of Prayer with Your Core Team" and follow up with activity.

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11:00 AM - Watch "Count on Me: Five Commitments Every Core Member Needs to Make" and follow up with activity.

11:30 AM - Close in a final prayer of thanksgiving and empowerment based on the needs of your core team, encouraging them to be leaders who have a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit in their lives and go beyond their comfort zones to boldly share the Gospel. Offer an optional time for Adoration and Confession (if priests are available).

*Consider placing a suggestion box somewhere in the main meeting space and encourage core to contribute if something strikes them during the day but isn't relevant to the topics at hand. Follow up by reviewing those suggestions at a later day with the team.